[Mr. K. K. Thomas.]

(*b*) if any enquiry has been made since then, the result of such enquiry; and

(*c*) if they find any difficulties, what those difficulties are?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 65 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

Statement, by Castes, of Proverthikars in the State.

67. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, caste by caste, of the *Proverthikars* in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of *Proverthikars* appointed during the last five years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not ready with those figures now.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there were applications from Eazhavas, Mahomedans, Roman Catholics and others?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that definitely now.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): The list is so prepared that certain communities are not included in it. May I know why?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): We have shown information on all heads and, if any further information is wanted, it will be called for.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): In the caste-war statement asked for, information is given regarding the appointment of Brahmins, Christians and other castes. May I know why Ezhavas and Mahomedans are not included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In the statement furnished, the existing *Proverthikars* in the service have been classified into groups, and put under respective communities.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): So, am I to understand that there are no Mahomedan and Ezhava *Proverthikars*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

Police Inspector, Paravur.

68. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the sanction of the Government was requested by several persons in Paravur for making the Police Inspector there a defendant in some criminal cases filed in the Magistrates' Courts at Quilon?

† *Vide* Appendix II—page 152.

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Enclosure.

R. O. C. No. 932/101.

Division Cutcherry,
Quilon, 24th February 1926.

From The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon.

To

The Land Revenue Commissioner,
Travancore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter Dis. No. 2680/25, dated 4-12-1925, *re* Administration Report of this department for 1100, I have the honour to inform you that I made a careful enquiry into the cause for the high increase in the sale of immoveable properties in the taluks of Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli. The number of cases of immoveable properties in respect of which the sales were confirmed was only 75 and 38 respectively in these two taluks, although the number in respect of which such properties were brought to sale was 157 and 360 as shown in the Administration Report. My enquiries do not enable me to discover any economic depression peculiar to these taluks. It may, however, be stated that the land revenue officers of these taluks took advantage of the provisions of G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Revenue, dated 8-12-1923, and proceeded against the immoveable properties of the defaulters in the very first instance without ascertaining whether there were moveable properties for distraint, as was the practice before, and that this new procedure approved by the Government on the basis of the opinion of their Law Officer, has contributed to an appreciable increase in the number of attachments of immoveable properties. There was also prompt coercive action.

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I have etc.,
S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Ag. Dewan Peishkar.

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 67.**

Statement, by castes, of *Proverthikars* in the State.

Serial No.	Name of Division.	Brahmins.	Nairs.	Vellalas.	Other Hindus.	Christians.	Other classes.	Vacant.	Total.
1	Trivandrum	19	91	30	3	...	...	2	145
2	Quilon	10	114	9	...	1	4	...	138
3	Kottayam	17	90	...	8	2	...	...	117
4	Devicolam	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Total	46	300	39	11	3	4	2	405

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